



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting  
February 14, 2022  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Zoom Teleconference  
Agenda

Invited participants: Members of the RMC Legislative Committee  
Lindsay Thompson, RMC Legislative Committee Co-Chair  
Chris Benzing, RMC Legislative Committee Co-Chair  
Charlotte Davis, Executive Director

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes:
- III. 2022 Bill Tracking

On Hold From 2/7/2022 meeting:

- SB640: Primary and Secondary Education - Maintenance of Effort Requirements – Alterations, Senate - First Reading - Budget and Taxation.
- SB696/HB975: Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment for Nurses and Nursing Workers – Program Establishment and Funding, Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation.
- HB570: Pesticides – Mosquito Control Products and PFAS Chemicals, House - First Reading - Health and Government Operations.
- HB695/SB522: Environment – Climate Crisis Plan – Requirement (Better Together to Save Our Weather Act of 2022), House - Environment – Climate Crisis Plan – Requirement (Better Together to Save Our Weather Act of 2022).
- HB709/SB632: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program
- HB727/SB541: Natural Resources - Maryland Park Service and State Parks - Alterations (Great Maryland Outdoors Act)
- HB787: Retiree Income Tax Relief Act of 2022
- HB806: Building Standards and Emissions Reductions – High Performance, State, and Local Government Buildings, State Operations, and Eligible Projects
- HB831: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Commercial and Residential Buildings

New bills (\*previously supported):

- HB844: State Conservation Land – Old Growth Forests – Protection, House Hearing – 2/25
- HB1126/SB854: Graywater Systems – Public and Private Buildings – Authorization, House Hearing – First reading; Senate Hearing - 2/24
- HB854/SB698: Alcoholic Beverages – Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing and Promotion, Senate Hearing - 3/4
- **HB876: Maryland Forestry Education Fund – Establishment, House Hearing – 2/23**
- HB929: Department of Housing and Community Development – Opportunity Zone Fund – Establishment, House Hearing – First Reading

- HB1133 Oysters: Tributary – Scale Sanctuaries First Reader
- HB1140/SB695: Natural Resources – Voluntary Firewood Treatment Certification - Program – Establishment - First Reader – 3/01
- HB1149: Department of Natural Resources – Shrimp Fishery Regulations – Clarification – First Reader
- HB1153: Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Riding on Sidewalks
- \*SB726/HB1187: Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution 3/10 – First Reading
- HB1216: Department of Agriculture – Urban Agriculture Grant Fund - First Reading
- HB1217: Natural Resources – Oyster Inspection and Severance Taxes – Increase – First Reading
- SB830/HB1228: Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate – First Reader
- HB1242/SB826: Economic Development – Maryland’s Microloan Program – Establishment – First Reading – 3/01
- HB1243: Public Health – Rural Nonemergency Medical Transportation Program – First Reading
- SB853/HB1270: Maryland Real Property Transfer-on-Death (TOD) Act – 3/02 - First Reading
- \*HB1273/SB622: Income Tax – Credit for Travel, Hospitality, and Entertainment – First Reading – 3/22
- \*HB1282/possibly SB 567: Property Tax – Agricultural Use Assessment – Improvements – 3/01 -
- HB1290: Education – Public School Construction – Funding and Administration – 3/01
- HB1298: Natural Resources – Hunting and Fishing Offenses – Expungement - First Reading
- HB1311: Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund – Authorized Uses (Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Lockbox Act of 2022) - First Reading
- HB1312/SB814: Public Safety – Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund – Alterations - First Reading
- HB1313: Environment – Exception to Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Requirements - First Reading
- HB1324: Transportation – Maryland Rail Authority – Establishment (Maryland Rail Investment Act of 2022) - First Reading
- HB1342: Cannabis – Legalization and Regulation (Cannabis Legalization and Equity Act) - First Reading
- HB1384: Economic Development – Industry 4.0 Technology Grant Program (Maryland Manufacturing Innovation Act of 2022) – 3/09
- SB692: Cannabis – Legalization and Regulation (Cannabis Legalization and Reparations for the War on Drugs Act), Senate – Hearing 3/3
- SB696/HB975: Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment for Nurses and Nursing Workers – Program Establishment and Funding, Senate – Hearing 2/22; House – First Reading
- SB716: Maryland Health Care Workers Loan Assistance Program – Establishment and Funding, Senate – First Reading
- SB783/HB596: Constitution Amendment – Environmental Rights
- SB791/HB1031: Natural Resources – Land Conservation – Establishment of Goals and Programs (Maryland the Beautiful), Senate – Hearing 3/09; House – Hearing 3/2
- SB799/HB1102: Community College Tuition and Residency Waivers – Funding – 3/09

- SB800/HB1002: Sales and Use Tax – Electricity for Agricultural Purposes – Exemption – 3/09 - 3/02
- SB876/Hb1201: Water Pollution – Civil penalty Surcharge – Oyster Repletion – 3/06
- \*SB833: Cannabis – Legalization and Regulation – 3/03
- SB845/HB1095: Economic Development – Maryland Technology Development Corporation – Rural Innovation Initiative Fund – 3/10
- SB846/HB1094: Economic Development – Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program – Establishment – 3/01
- SB903/HB1085: Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Qualifying Biomass and Thermal Biomass Systems – 3/01
- SB795HB1101: Community Colleges and Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Education – Funding – 3/09

#### IV. Other

- a. Virtual Rural Maryland Day Recap
- b. Maryland Day Grab & Go Lunch - March 25, 2022
  - i. Sponsors

#### V. Adjourn

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 21, 2022, 2pm-3pm, Zoom Teleconference**